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TO BRING GREATER FOCUS to the work of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and in the spirit of one U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), I have engaged in a ongoing dialogue to help shape this Agency's direction and priorities for the immediate and longer-term future. The insight and input of the members of SAMHSA's National Advisory Councils, constituents, staff, and other stakeholders in the mission and vision of the Agency have helped me understand not only where SAMHSA has been going, but also where it should be going.

THE PRODUCT IS A MATRIX that visually depicts SAMHSA's priority programs and the cross-cutting principles that will guide program, policy, and resource allocation for the Agency. It is based on an underlying principle that people of all ages, with or at risk for mental or substance use disorders, should have the opportunity for a fulfilling life that includes an education, a job, a home, and meaningful relationships with family and friends. It also is founded on a vision for the work of SAMHSA that promotes "a life in the community for everyone" by building resilience and facilitating recovery.

THE MATRIX IS AN EVOLVING TOOL that highlights SAMHSA priorities; it will not preclude activities targeting other emerging issues. However, it does reflect both HHS Departmental priorities and a public health approach to mental health services, substance abuse prevention, and addiction treatment.

With the matrix as a guide to policy and program, together, we can achieve that vision.

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SAMHSA Matrix of Priorities

Cross-Cutting Principles

Science to Services/
Evidence-Based Practices

Data for Performance
Measurement &
Management

Collaboration with Public,
Private & International
Partners

Reducing Stigma &
Discrimination & Other
Barriers to Services

Cultural Competency/
Eliminating Disparities

Community & Faith-Based
Approaches

Trauma & Violence (e.g.
Physical & Sexual Abuse)

Financing Strategies &
Cost-Effectiveness

Rural & Other Specific
Settings

Disaster Readiness &
Response

Programs/Issues

Co-Occurring Disorders

Substance Abuse Treatment
Capacity

Seclusion & Restraint

Strategic Prevention Framework

Children & Families

Mental Health System
Transformation

Suicide Prevention

Homelessness

Older Adults

HIV/AIDS & Hepatitis

Criminal & Juvenile Justice

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